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Julia Ann Mercer was driving through Dealey Plaza on the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, when she noticed a green pick-up truck parked with its two right wheels on the curb, blocking traffic. Three policemen in the area seemed to be ignoring the incident, but Mercer got a good look at the driver of the vehicle as he glared at her. She also observed another man take a long, slender, brown package from the back of the truck and walk up the lawn toward the now infamous grassy knoll.

The next morning, while being questioned by the FBI, Mercer picked out four photographs of men who looked like the driver of the truck. According to her, the name written on the back of one of the photos was none other than Jack Ruby.

On November 24, Julia Ann Mercer was one of the millions watching television when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby. Upon viewing the heavy-set gun-wielder, her reaction was, "That was the man I saw in the truck!"

When the FBI and Dallas Sheriff's Dept. further attempted to investigate Mercer's story, a veil of manufactured evidence, cover-up, and forgery was thrown over it.

Her affidavit, taken by the Sheriff's Dept., is reprinted in the Warren Commission Exhibits under the heading "Decker Exhibit No. 5323" and is signed with her name. Unfortunately, Mercer says it is not her signature. Handwriting samples bear this out. The statement also has the signature of a female Notary Public on it. But Mercer says, "This is also untrue. On no occasion during any of my questioning was a woman ever present."

This forged affidavit has Mercer saying that the truck had "Air Conditioning" painted on the side. This led authorities on a wild goose chase trying to track down all air conditioning firms in the area. Another FBI statement says that Mercer could not identify Ruby as the driver, but could identify the other man if she saw him again. All of this, she says, is exactly the opposite of what she told them.

Obviously it is important to find out who these two mysterious men in the truck were and whether Ruby was involved. We can see why Sen. Russell Schweickert and others in Congress are now calling for a new investigation. Statements were changed and more importantly, forgery was committed in the name of justice. Needless to say, Julia

Ann Mercer never testified before the Warren Commission.

Authorities in Los Angeles tell us that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan fired eight bullets at Robert F. Kennedy, the maximum possible from his .22 caliber Iver and Johnson pistol. But evidence continues to mount that more were fired, meaning there was another gun in the pantry that night.

An Associated Press wirephoto, taken the day after the shooting, showed two policemen pointing at what the caption described as a bullet lodged in a pantry door. The L.A.P.D. denied this. In late 1975, the two police officers were finally identified as Robert Rozzi and Charles Wright.

Vincent Bugliosi, author of *Helter-*

arrived, Wright informed him that he had been instructed by Police Sergeant Phil Sartuchi and Deputy City Attorney Larry Nagen not to give any statement. Both Wright and Rizzo were served with subpoenas requiring them to appear in court the next morning. But the judge wouldn't let them testify, declaring it out of the scope of the limited investigation then in progress.

Angelo Di Pierro, *maitre d'* at the hotel, revealed to Bugliosi what seems to be the existence of still one more bullet. He said in his statement:

I observed a small-caliber bullet lodged about a quarter of an inch into the wood on the center divider of the two swinging doors.

L.A.P.D. criminologist Dewayne Wolfer told Coroner Thomas Noguchi that



Where did the wood fragments on Sirhan's bullets come from?

Skelter and co-counsel along with Allard Lowenstein for Paul Schrade, one of the wounded bystanders attempting to reopen the RFK probe, obtained a statement from Rozzi in which he stated:

... someone discovered what appeared to be a bullet a foot and a half or so from the floor in a doorjamb on the door behind the stage. I also personally observed what I believed to be a bullet in the place just mentioned. What I observed was a hole in the doorjamb, and what appeared to be the base of a small-caliber bullet was lodged inside the hole. ...

A telephone conversation with Officer Wright confirmed Rizzo's story. An appointment was made to put this into written form. However, when Bugliosi

there were two bullet holes in the divider. The official story is that they were caused by food carts.

Two bullets were found the night of the assassination on the front seat of Sirhan's car, the authorities tell us. But they both contained traces of wood. The implications seem obvious enough. Could these be the doorjamb or pantry bullets? If not, then why do they have wood on them?

Vincent Bugliosi is now running for district attorney in Los Angeles. He has described the L.A.P.D.'s actions in the case as "unbelievable and inexcusable." If elected he says he will immediately begin a new investigation into the Robert Kennedy assassination. He believes that if a conspiracy is discovered, it will "make Watergate look like a one-roach marijuana bust." ■